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C O N F I D E N T I A L NOUAKCHOTT 1676

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, BEXP, BFOL, MR

SUBJECT: MUNITIONS CONTROL LICENSE FOR MAURITANIAN PURCHASE OF  
MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT

REF: (A) NOUAKCHOTT 1602, (B) STATE 157299

1. DR. BA BOCAR ALPHA JULY 13 REQUESTED EMBASSY TO INTERVENE  
URGENTLY TO SECURE ISSUANCE ASAP OF MUNITIONS CONTROL LICENSE  
COVERING MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT PURCHASED FOR GIRM  
MINISTRY DEFENSE FROM NAPCO INDUSTRIES, INC. OF MINNEAPOLIS.  
BA WAS INTENTIONALLY VAGUE, BUT ORDER APPEARS TO COVER VARIETY  
OF MILITARY TELEPHONE AND RADIO GEAR (BATTERY-OPERATED FIELD  
TELEPHONE, VEHICLE-MOUNTED AND STAPVNFY RADIOS, ETC.)

2. REITERATING TRIAL NATURE OF ORDERS PLACED IN US FOR MILI-  
TARY EQUIPMENT AND HIS BELIEF THAT MOD WILL MAKE EXTENSIVE  
PURCHASES IN US IN FUTURE IF INITIAL ORDERS ARE DELIVERED  
QUICKLY AND WITHOUT COMPLICATIONS (SEE PARA 2 REF A), BA  
STRESSED CRITICAL NEED FOR COMMO EQUIPMENT AND RESULTING  
URGENCY OF PROMPT LICENSING AND SHIPMENT. HE NOTED FIRM  
ORDER WAS PLACED WITH NAPCO ON JUNE 15, THAT AIR SHIPMENT  
WAS SPECIFIED IN CONTRACT IN ORDER MEET MOD REQUIRE-  
MENTS, AND THAT NAPCO HAD BEEN PAID IN FULL DURING  
THIRD WEEK OF JUNE. BUT NAPCO INFORMED BA BY TELEPHONE  
JULY 12 THAT IT HAD BEEN UNABLE TO SHIP EQUIPMENT BE-  
CAUSE MUNITIONS CONTROL LICENSE HAD NOT YET BEEN  
ISSUED.

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3. REQUEST PM/MC (A) CHECK STATUS NAPCO/BA/GIRM MOD  
LICENSE APPLICATION AND ACCELERATE ISSUANCE IF POSSI-  
BLE, AND (B) TELEGRAPHIC PNICATION OF ACTION TAKEN.  
IF HOLD UP IS CAUSED BY NAPCO FAILURE TO OR DELAY IN  
SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS OR DATA, REQUEST DETAILED DES-  
CRIPTION OF PROBLEM SOONEST FOR RELAY TO DR. BA.

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